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Amendment to the Specification

On page 11, lines 25-32, please amend the specification as follows.

In the present invention, not only can a particular abnormality (Haemostatic Dysfunction) be detected, but in addition the progression of the disease can be monitored in a single patient. More particularly, system failure and/or mortality can be predicted. Haemostatic Dysfunction, as used herein, is a condition evidenced by the formation of a precipitate (prior to or in the absence of clot formation), depending upon the reagent used). As used herein, the term "and/or" includes any and all combinations of one or more of the associated listed items.